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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Iwao TAHARA et al
Serial No. : 09/924,293
Filed : August 8, 2001
For : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
Art Unit : 2811
Examiner :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This application is related to co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/499,599 filed February 7, 2000. A copy of said related Application Serial No. 09/499,599 was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 8, 2001, concurrently with the filing of the original application paper. Submitted herewith are

1. Copy of Office Action dated November 7, 2001 issued by the U.S. Examiner in said related Application Serial No. 09/499,599;
2. Copy of the Mihara et al reference (USP 6,140,155) cited in said Office Action dated November 7, 2001 in said related Application Serial No. 09/49,599; and
3. Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B listing the particulars of the above-identified items submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the enclosed Office Action issued in related Application Serial No. 09/499,599 and the reference cited therein, and make same of record.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return initialed copies of the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B

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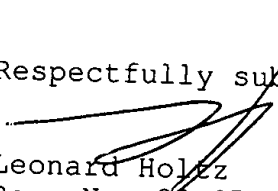
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to confirm that the items listed therein have been considered and made of record.

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